

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. R. H. Stoddard is about to publish a memorial entitled "Sandford R. Gifford: A Glance at his Art Life in Letters."

The final volume of Kosuth's Memoirs will shortly appear, and Hungary is said to be awaiting it with much excitement. In this volume the patriot makes some powerful assaults upon the continued repression of his country. The foreigner, he says, now sees nothing but an Austrian Hungary. While he regards Austria as only superficially alive, he believes Hungary, in spite of all outward appearance, to have an irrepressible inward vitality, which will yet assert itself to the surprise of Europe.

The correspondence of Carlyle and Emerson is the most important publication of this month. J. R. Osgood & Co. are the publishers.

That a son could hardly have done worse by the memory of a great father than publish work so hasty, so inferior, so comparatively valueless as this curious and unsatisfactory volume contains, is the opinion expressed by the reviewer of the *Pall Mall Gazette* concerning "Dr. Gifford's Secret." He adds that there is much in the first part which is pleasant reading, and passages here and there which have the old, well-known charm, and that if Mr. Hawthorne had contented himself with publishing the first eleven chapters, adding a sketch of the plot worked up from the remaining material, nothing of any real consequence would have been added to our knowledge of a great writer; but, on the other hand, no particular harm would have been done.

"The Poet at the Breakfast-Table," in the new edition of Dr. Holmes's works, has just appeared.

The *Publisher's Circular* gives the following particulars with reference to the number of new books and new editions published in England during the past year: Theology, sermons, biblical, etc., 596 new books, 193 new editions; educational, classical, and philosophical, 435 new books, 90 new editions; juvenile works and tales, 727 new books, 260 new editions; novels, tales and other fiction, 306 new books, 124 new editions; law, jurisprudence, etc., 52 new books, 23 new editions; political and social economy, trade and commerce, 145 new books, 44 new editions; art, science and illustrations, 264 new books, 80 new editions; voyages, travels, geographical research, 204 new books, 40 new editions; history, biography, etc., 361 new books, 91 new editions; poetry and the drama, 153 new books, 23 new editions; year books and serials in volumes, 255 new books, 14 new editions; medicines, surgery, etc., 119 new books, 58 new editions; belles-lettres, essays, monographs, etc., 92 new books, 14 new editions; miscellaneous, including pamphlets, not sermons, 267 new books, 92 new editions; total number of new works, 3,978; of new editions, 1,143. Taken together the number of publications is 5,124. This shows a slight falling off in the production of books, as last year the figures were 3,410 new books; 1,296 new editions; total, 4,706. The *Circular*, however, remarks: "It is not improbable that the real value of the literary works of 1882, whether viewed from an intellectual or from a material standpoint, is superior to that of its forerunners."

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